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REDS' HUNAN ADVANCE MENACES KWANGTUNG

Communist Armies Only 20 Miles From Changsha KUKONG AS OBJECTIVE

CANTON, July 21.
CHINESE COMMUNIST TROOPS, ADVANCING ALONG THE HUNAN HIGHWAY, HAVE CAPTURED SEVERAL MORE TOWNS EAST OF THE CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY. THEY ARE WITHIN 20 MILES NORTH AND 20 MILES EAST OF CHANGSHA, THE HUNAN PROVINCIAL CAPITAL.

General Pai Chung-hsi, Nationalist Central China commander, is still in Changsha but will probably leave tomorrow. Liuyang and Pingsiang, East and South East of Changsha, respectively, have fallen to the Communists, according to usually reliable Chinese reports reaching Canton today. Pingsiang is an important coal-mining centre.

Rail traffic has been suspended on the Chekiang-Kiangsi railway at Li-lung, near Pingsiang. Pingsiang, North East of Changsha, and Wansai, East of Changsha, fell to the Communists earlier.

CHIANG'S RETURN TO TAIWAN

Canton, July 21.
Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek left for Taiwan by plane this morning after a week's visit to Canton.

During the visit, which has been described as most satisfactory, he held a series of conferences with Government, military and Kuomintang officials, and formed the new Emergency Committee.

The Generalissimo's departure came as a surprise as it was expected he would confer with the Moslem leader, General Ma Hsiung-kwai, Deputy Commander-in-Chief in North West China, who is to arrive in Canton today from Lanzhou.

It had also been rumoured that the Generalissimo might visit Chungking, wartime capital, to organize the defences of that city against possible Communist invasion from Shensi Province.

He may make the Chungking trip later.

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Other high Government officials, including the Premier, Marshal Yen Hsi-shan, were attending a meeting of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang and knew nothing of the Generalissimo's departure ahead of time.

Reuter.

The Weather

At 0600 GMT (8 p.m. HKT) the typhoon was centred about 500 miles E. of Luzon moving NW at 7 knots. From it a shallow trough of low pressure extends across the Philippines to India. China. Pressure remains low over Central China. A ridge of high pressure from the Pacific anti-cyclone extends across the South China Sea. Today's Forecast: Light E. and NE winds. Fair apart from isolated showers. Yesterday's Weather: Maximum 82.5 deg. F. Minimum 65.5 deg. F. Sunshine 10.5 hours. Rainfall: Trace. Total since Jan. 1—104.1 mm.—41.77 in., as against an average of 1417.3 mm.—55.77 in. for this month.

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Chinese military observers believe that the Communists, who crossed to the West bank of the Kan River in Kiangsi province, may attempt to drive down the Nanchang-Kukong highway through Kanchow.

At Kukong they would be within about 100 miles of Canton. Communist guerrillas already control several points along the Nanchang-Kukong highway.

The Chinese military spokesman, General Teng Wen-yi, said today that owing to the proximity of Communist troops, there is likely to be fighting near Changsha, capital of Hunan province.

Changsha, however, is still in Nationalist hands. He said that in fighting in the Ichang and Shashi area, in Hupeh province, the Communists had 8,000 casualties. Large casualties on both sides are also reported in fighting near Paochi in Shensi province.

General Teng boasted that Nationalist Hunan will "meet and annihilate the enemy."

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Threat To Kwangtung

He also acknowledged that the Reds hold the towns of Kuitien, Nanning and Chienou West of the provincial capital of Fochow.

The Government spokesman, Pao Chi-nan, said Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, who flew to Formosa today, will visit Canton quite often in future.

He said the Emergency Council will meet every two weeks and, if Chiang is absent, Vice-Chairman Li Tsung-jen will preside.

The collapse of the Central China front would be a threat to Kwangtung.

Chinese Nationalists expect one of the "decisive battles" of the civil war to be fought in Hunan, the rice bowl province. They said the fight will rank in importance with the battle for Hanchow.

The loss of Hanchow by the Nationalists put the Reds in a position to cross the Yangtze and to go on to capture Nanking and Shanghai.

Chaos In Changsha

Conditions in Changsha, capital of Hunan, are described as chaotic. Government officials are said to be hurriedly evacuating.

Preparations are under way to blow up a section of the Canton-Hankow railroad between Changsha and Hengyang in the event of a Nationalist retreat.

Apparently the Reds are bent on outflanking the city.

It is too early to assess accurately the scope of the new Communist drive. Present movements suggest that they will attempt to cut the Canton-Hankow railway at a point South of Changsha.

The arrival of the Generalissimo and the appointment of General Li Tsung-jen as his right-hand man in the new "Eighteen Cabinet" have instilled a certain amount of confidence into the people, whose attitude for some months past has been one of resignation rather than panic.

Will Stand Together

It is felt here that the two leaders—whatever their personal differences may be—will stand together in the present struggle against the Communists.

Widespread floods from the Tungting Lake, in Central China, Southward to the Pearl River, played a part in delaying the Communist advance, but latest reports indicate that the waters are steadily receding.

Heavy casualties and damage to crops and property are reported.

There has been no major change on the economic front. The three-week-old silver dollar is legal tender in South China, but the masses of the people still prefer the Hong Kong dollar, which is in general use.

Reuter and Associated Press.

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Eruption On Palma



The volcano on Palma, one of the Canary Isles, is pouring out four rivers of lava, which at night look like flowing fire. Several villages have been engulfed by the lava, running in streams fifteen feet deep. One river, three quarters of a mile wide, is creeping toward the port of Puerto Naos. Trenches are being dug two miles from the city, but the town will probably have to be abandoned. About 2,000 people are trapped in the segment made by the four rivers, one of which has entered the sea about five miles South of Puerto Naos, to the accompaniment of huge vapour sprays. More trouble is expected because of the collapse of high ground and the issue of gas and fire. Photo shows thick smoke mushrooms from the belching mouth of the volcano as the lava floods down to the villages below. (AP Photo).

Clarification Of Payment System For Jap Imports

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REDS' NEW CAMPAIGN AGAINST FOREIGNERS

Shanghai, July 21.
Foreigners in Shanghai are accustomed to being called imperialists, running dogs, arrogant, bureaucratic, capitalists and Wall Street minions. The newest epithet being applied to them by Communist and pro-Communist publications is "foreign vermin."

FLATS TAKEN FOR THE ARMY

A block of eight residential flats was requisitioned for the army by the Quartering Authority yesterday. It was officially announced. The flats are at the junction of Cameron and Chatham roads, Kowloon. The Quartering Authority denied rumours that two of the three Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank's blocks of flats, near the La Salle College, have also been taken over for the Army.

U.S. Aid To China Hinted

Washington, July 21.

The Administration is quietly continuing its search for possible ways of giving effective American help to anti-Communist forces in China.

But the authorities who disclosed that the Administration has not written off China to the Communists, say that further American economic and military aid are dependent upon the efforts of the Nationalists to help themselves.

The whole question of the United States Government's attitude toward the China crisis will undergo intensive review early next month when the American Ambassador to China, Dr. J. Leighton Stuart, arrives from Nanking for consultations.

Chinese Embassy sources meanwhile state that a sizeable force in Taiwan is engaged in training activities for future military operations in South China. They contend that the military situation is not lost and that none of the \$125,000,000 in American military aid poured into China in the last 10 months has been lost to the Communists.

Taiwan's position in China's anti-Communist campaign will be considerably strengthened with the imminent formation of the Generalissimo's office, the South East Military and Administrative Command and a branch of the newly-formed Kuomintang Emergency Committee at Taipei.

Resuming his leadership in part and state affairs, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, as Kuomintang Director-General, will establish his headquarters at Taipei.

Meanwhile, Mr. Huang Shao-ku, former Secretary-General of the Executive Yuan, will assume the same post in the Generalissimo's office.

Tentatively set to be inaugurated on August 1, the South East Military and Administrative Command, with the Taiwan Governor, Chen Cheng, acting concurrently as its commander, will have its administrative area covering the coastal provinces of Kwangtung, Chekiang, Fukien and the islands of Hainan and Taiwan.

Governor Chen Cheng will also head the South East branch of the party's Emergency Committee, the organisation of which was generally approved at Canton last Saturday.—United Press.

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Typhoon Heads For Taiwan

Manila, July 21.

A typhoon with winds of 120 miles an hour in the centre is heading for Taiwan tonight at eight miles an hour.

The Weather Bureau predicts that the blow will be 400 miles East North East of Taipei, on the Northern tip of Luzon, by midnight (GMT).

The typhoon, which is not menacing the Philippines, is expected to intensify.—Associated Press.

HK WATER AUTHORITY WARNING

Daily consumption of water by the Colony's population is 5,000,000 gallons more than the total capacity of the Colony's filter beds.

This was disclosed yesterday in an official warning that restrictions may be re-imposed without warning if consumption fails to show an appreciable reduction.

Based on the officially estimated 1,857,000 persons in Hong Kong, the daily average consumption of water by an individual is more than 24 gallons.

The increase in consumption has been recorded following the removal of water restrictions since Tuesday night.

An official statement said that since the restrictions were removed, consumption has increased from 30,000,000 gallons a day to 45,000,000.

Total capacity of the Colony's filter beds is only 41,000,000 gallons a day.

The statement added that it will be impossible to maintain a full supply unless consumption is reduced considerably. It requested consumers to assist in maintaining a full supply by reducing their consumption appreciably and by preventing waste.

The statement warned that should consumption show no decrease it will be necessary to re-impose restrictions without notice.

AUSSIE STRIKE WORSENING

Sydney, July 21.

Two Australian Dock Workers Union officials were jailed for contempt of court today and the nation's stevedores immediately called a 24-hour protest strike for Monday.

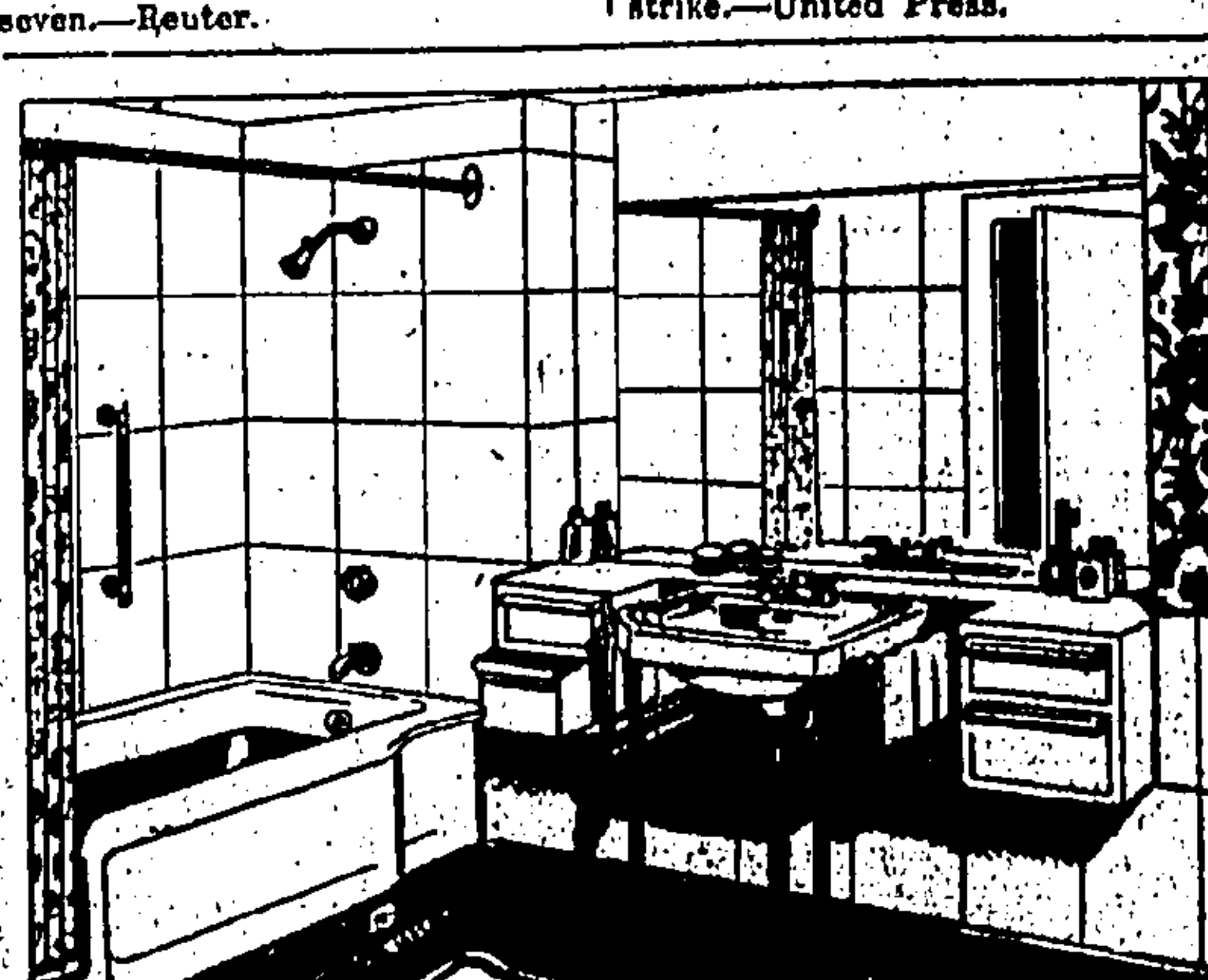
The Waterside Workers Federation also called upon its members to decide on Monday on future action, threatening to further paralyse the country, already crippled by a 26-day mid-winter coal strike.—United Press.

SUEZ CANAL CONVENTION

Cairo, July 21.

The Egyptian Senate last night ratified a new Convention making Egypt a "privileged partner" in the Suez Canal by 61 votes in favour against 14.

The Convention ensures that Egypt will receive seven per cent of the Company's gross profits and raises her representation on the Board of Directors from two to seven.—Reuter.



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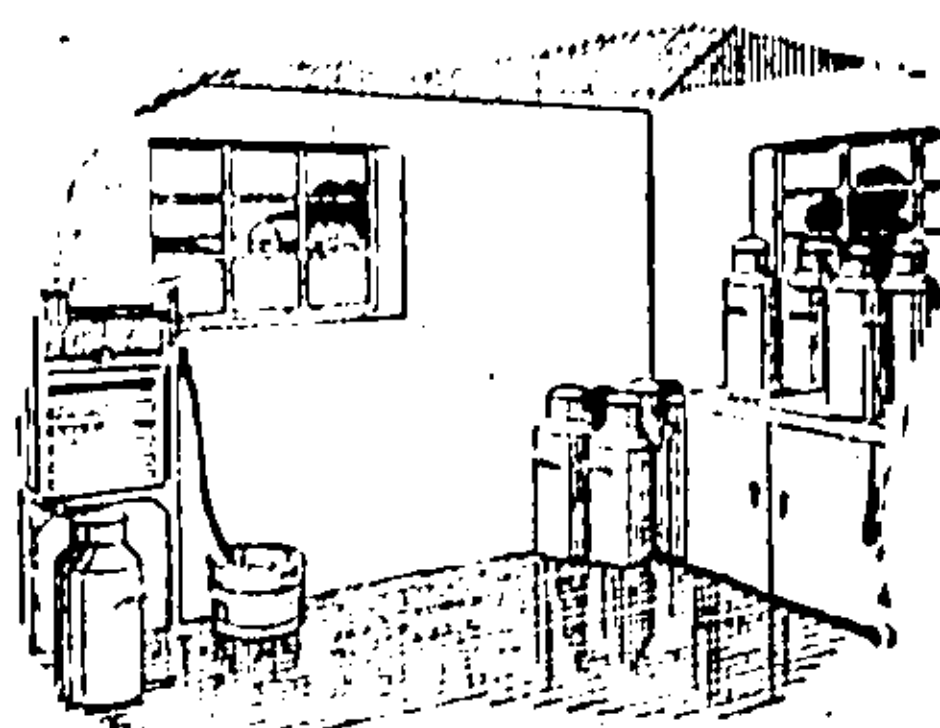
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Old Boy Again

Sir,—My sincere apologies for again taking up your valuable time and congesting these columns with my views, but I feel I must say something further about this "La Salle Requisitioning" business.

Firstly, I wish to say that one must not lay blame on the poor Reverend Brother Director of La Salle College for his apparent lack of interest and seeming inactivity in dealing with this situation. I have no doubt but that the Reverend gentleman had no choice except to accept the decision imposed on him by the Government. From past experience we know that whatever Government says goes, and there must be no question about it. (This should, incidentally, put some food for thought for the gentlemen who run the various "reform" clubs in the Colony.)

However, secure in the knowledge that at least I can air my views quite freely in the Press, I venture to take advantage of this opportunity. The same excuse given by the authorities that no building other than the La Salle College is suitable for a 600-bed hospital is absurd. If no one building is suitable, what about a group of buildings? I have in mind the group of buildings situated in College Road, together with the nearby land, together with the buildings owned by a local bank. I can also name, almost at random, many other groups of edifices and structures, situated in localities ideal for hospitals. But, no! I guess these won't do.

It is certainly not coincidental that these aforementioned buildings are, for the most part, owned by powerful, influential and distinguished persons of the Colony whose word is law. The only place left to turn to, then, yes, that's just the ideal place, La Salle College. That's the only joint where you can just go along and pick it up without loud objections from some rich, powerful gentlemen, who just sit down and fold their arms, revelling in the thought that it's not one of their palaces that are being touched. No, Sir, Mr. Editor, it is true, "You can't buck important people around here."

TONY FRANCISCO.

Editor's note: The military authorities point out, rightly, that to take over several small buildings for a hospital means enormous duplication of skilled staff and exceedingly heavier costs.

Civilian Agrees

Sir,—In today's "China Mail" your correspondent "An Old Boy" mentions the fact that La Salle College is to become a Military Hospital and desires the local government for not taking into consideration the interruption of the education of a great many children. Education is always an important subject that all parents must consider in regard to their children, but let us all remember that our whole future including those of our children is likely to be seriously jeopardised unless we and our children are prepared to make further sacrifices.

Let us have a little consideration for the men who have recently arrived in this Colony. They have come about 10,000 miles to defend us. The proposed hospital is to be for their use, when they are sick, and in the event of trouble when they are wounded. If they are killed they will be buried where they fall. I have lived for many years in this Colony and passed through many of its trials and tribulations, and always the servicemen (and our local government) have served as a but for puerile attacks by the public. Many servicemen must wish that they could return home and leave us to the fate they consider we so well deserve.

The government and the military have given their explanation regarding the requisitioning of this college and the Principal has stated his reasons for being compelled to vacate these premises. In a time of such serious emergency we all must suffer serious inconvenience. Although a state of emergency has not been declared in this colony, a person would have to be deaf, dumb and blind not to realise that serious times are ahead for us all. I am thankful that we have a really efficient and substantial fighting force here ready to defend this Colony should it be necessary, and I can assure all servicemen that there are many of us civilian who appreciate your difficulties and if trouble comes are ready and prepared to fight alongside of you.

NULLI SECUNDUS.

Requisitioning

Sir,—A great deal has been written upon the subject of the requisitioning of the La Salle College for use as a military hospital but there are one or two points upon which none of your correspondents have yet touched.

We have been told that the total strength of the Hong Kong Garrison, after all reinforcements have arrived, will be 12,000 men. We are also told that it is the intention of the authorities to establish a 600-bed hospital in the premises mentioned. Thus it would seem that the establishment of this hospital presupposes actual hostilities and large scale casualties, for surely it is unreasonable to suppose that in peace-time five per cent of the Force would simultaneously be hospitalised.

Assuming this to be correct, is it logical that a bare hospital should be established so close to the most probable scene of conflict and in a location where, in the event of evacuation becoming necessary, the wounded would have to be ferried across the harbour under adverse conditions?

The question now arises, in what building could such a hospital be established? There are several that immediately spring to mind, the most obvious being our old friend, the Leighton Hill Quarter, or perhaps the less publicised, but just as costly, Peak Pavilions, but these would never do for it would mean disposing of Government servants, and even for sick and wounded soldiers that could not be done.

Where then? Obviously the safest and most readily accessible spot on the island for purposes of evacuation of wounded would be on the Aberdeen side rather than on the Hong Kong side. Why then, not transform the Repulse Bay Hotel, with its well-equipped kitchens and modern sanitation, into the base hospital? The present occupants of the hotel might easily be accommodated in one of the other hotels owned by this group or in some of the newly constructed but still awaiting key-money, apartments.

Adjacent to the Repulse Bay Hotel is the Lido pleasure resort in which, we suggest, the staff of the hospital might be very comfortably housed, whilst not too far away is the mansion owned by Mr. T. V. Soong, who will probably not be using it for some time to come.

The requisitioning of these three premises might well solve the La Salle College problem, whilst at the same time affording decent hospital and recuperation facilities for our Forces. Of course, the military authorities, if they do adopt this suggestion, may expect the bigwigs of a few influential bigwigs to be badly bruised, but this need not worry them. They will have the satisfaction of knowing that they have not deprived some 600 youngsters of educational facilities and they will earn the well-earned gratitude of the parents.

Editor's Note: We understand that the premises on the island are not considered suitable for the Army for this reason: as so many troops will be operating in the New Territories, it is regarded as most desirable to have a hospital for them on the mainland, to avoid the inconvenience and possible danger to sick or injured men of ferrying them across the harbour.

It is quite possible to have five per cent of a garrison ill at the same time, in the event of an epidemic, but it should be noted that 12,000 men do not comprise the limit of the number likely to be sent here, as Mr. A. V. Alexander pointed out during his recent visit, and further contingents have been named since the original announcement.

We can further say on good authority that defence chiefs do not anticipate actual hostilities, and there is no cause for alarm in this respect. They are simply preparing, as has been officially stated before, for any emergency which might arise.

Also, we would repeat the remarks, published in our columns on Wednesday, that the Army does not choose just what it wants, but has to decide on the best available from what is offered by government.

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DBS AS HEADQUARTERS OF NEW GRAMOPHONE SOCIETY

The Diocesan Boys' School will hold its weekly classical concert for Servicemen in the Colony at 8.15 p.m. tomorrow. Servicemen have been able to relax in the airy hall of the School for the past few Saturdays and listen to a programme of recorded Symphony music.

The idea of the concerts was conceived by Mr. Paul Du Toit a member of the school staff, who with the co-operation of the Headmaster and School Committee, the Education Officers of the three Services, and encouragement from many others, was able to launch the series on July 2.

It was obvious from the very beginning that a large number of classical music lovers outside of the Forces were also interested and as a result discussions were initiated with a view to forming a Gramophone Society.

Mr. Brittain and Mr. Du Toit, both of the School, together with Mr. Bob Perry of the European YMCA, a regular broadcaster at Radio Hong Kong, and Mr. Peach, secretary of the "Sunday Herald" discussed the matter. As a result it was decided that such a Society would meet with sufficient support to make it worth while the organising.

The four music-lovers elected themselves to a temporary committee, Mr. Perry as chairman, Mr. Peach, treasurer, Mr. Brittain programme secretary, and Mr. Du Toit general secretary.

Subsequently Mr. G. Hemery, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M., also on the School staff and a most highly qualified and versatile musician, joined the Committee as music adviser. With Mr. Brittain he will be responsible for programme notes.

British Council To Assist

Mr. Bruce, Director of the British Council, has most generously offered his patronage to the fledgling Society, and also given it the use of the Council's extensive record library.

It was realised that the gramophone group of the Sino-British Club, and the group at Tai Hing were making an important contribution to musical life on the island, and with their thought in mind it was decided to call the new organisation "The Kowloon Gramophone Society," and its sponsors hope will be a full measure of co-operation will be possible.

Headquarters will be at the Diocesan Boys' School where excellent facilities are in existence. Membership, which is open to all nationals—indeed it is hoped that a fuller understanding of oriental music will be one of the many fruits of this society—will be on an entrance fee of \$5 and a monthly subscription of \$1 or a yearly fee of \$10.

First Concert

Members of the three Services and of the nursing profession will be made Honorary Members on application. The inaugural concert of the Society will be held at the DBS on July 30 at 8.15 p.m. Intending members will be able to join the Society at that concert, or previously by applying to the secretary, at the school.

The continued success of the Society will obviously depend on the measure of support accorded to it, and it is hoped that this important contribution to the cultural life of the Colony will meet with the response it deserves.

The concert to be held at the Diocesan Boys' School tomorrow at 8.15 p.m. will consist of Overture: "Donna Diana" (Reinick); Love Duet: "Madam Butterfly" (Puccini); Cello Concerto: (Dvorak); Symphony No. 6 "Pathétique" (Tchaikovsky).

HKA Plane Turns Back

A Hong Kong Airways Canton-bound plane returned to Kai Tak yesterday after taking off for Canton.

The plane, a C47, cleared the airstrip in perfect order. Flying over Lion's Rock, headed for Canton, however, the plane developed engine trouble.

Captain Ballantine, skipper of the aircraft, turned his ship back toward Kai Tak and landed here. The plane was kept in control and only went off into the grass patch as it touched the ground.

The crew banded the passengers down so calmly that what was happening until they found themselves back at Kai Tak.

The passengers in the C47 yesterday were Messrs. S. C. Lee, Wong Ka-long, Wang, Cheong, and Yuen. Another HKA plane, the crew of the plane comprised: Captain Ballantine, the commander, Mr. Smith, Flying Officer, Mr. Dunne, Radio Officer, and Miss Myra Noronha, Flight Hostess.

DEATH

SWAN.—At Sydney, Australia, on July 21, 1940, Dorothy Swan, beloved wife and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Swan, aged 45 years. (By Cable).

Personalia

Among those who left the Colony yesterday by C.F.A. for Manila were Messrs. J. T. Chinn, Pien, A. M. Sarraf, E. Judaya, and Ong Tam.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday included Mrs. E. T. Jones, Mrs. J. E. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Turner, Messrs. R. T. M. Yau, A. H. Houseman, W. W. Murdoch, H. M. Laver, E. B. Liard, N. L. A. A. Forbes, P. T. Tan, C. W. Averill, E. Barretto, and K. Y. Yang.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. N. Smith, Mrs. R. R. Nicols, Messrs. A. G. Sheldrick, E. Hart, W. For, C. J. Dorkins, M. Tenelium, M. Stuart, T. Larimore, R. C. Hench, M. Barstad, H. J. Menge, A. Dewar, J. Chen and F. O'Brien.

Mr. and Mrs. V. S. Vinogradoff arrived in the Colony yesterday from Swatow by the ss. Sheng-king.

Dr. Sun Fo and O. K. Yui returned from Canton yesterday by C.A.T. Convolv. Madame Sun was at Kai Tak to meet them.

HK MUSLIM ASSOCIATION

Following the approval for registration of the association by the Registrar of Societies the Association held its first general meeting at No. 7 Chan Tang Lane, Wan-chai. Fifteen members were elected to form a Committee.

The Committee held its first meeting on July 17, and the following officers were elected: Jamila Khan (Chairman), Jamila Khan (Vice-Chairman), Ting Yuen-wan (Hon. Treasurer), Yu Wan-fong (Hon. Secretary), Ma Chiu-yin (in charge of Social Section), Yung Yee-kwan (in charge of Welfare Section), Ma Chiu-chue (in charge of Life Members' Section), and Messrs. Sharman Khan, Ha Sau-lai, Ma Cheuk-yin, Yung Mei-lin, Cheong Chong-bing, Tse Wai-ching, Pak Chi-chai and Yung Woon-moon (members of the Committee).

He was later arrested by a watchman. Enquiries revealed that defendant's son was not sick.

Economic Trends In The Far East

At the weekly luncheon meeting of the Y's Men's Club at the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel yesterday, Dr. E. Stewart Kirby, the guest speaker, said that the Colony used to be essentially a gateway to China, but has now been able to offset the decline of business with China.

In doing so, Hong Kong is now doing as much as three quarters of her trade with South East Asia, he added.

Speaking on Economic Trends in the Far East, Dr. Kirby, a lecturer at Hong Kong University, said that political consciousness and sensitivity are today highly developed in the East.

"The simplest and most basic generalisation about the Far East is that it is relatively undeveloped, economically and socially," he continued.

Capitalists, Communists, Imperialists and Nationalists have their own ideas, each asserting that he is the only one that can develop the economies of the Far East.

What the Far East desires and wants today are industrialisation and economic nationalisation. Each nation wants to do all for themselves within their own boundaries. They want to rely less on foreigners.

"However, this is rather dangerous," he pointed out, "because it leads to a very artificial structure which can only be maintained externally by tariffs and other special measures, and internally by strict politics and administration."

"Even in the Soviet Union, a vast country of great resources the process has taken at least 20 years."

"Ruralists Russians apparently think it is heaven on earth to work as a peasant and have no hard work in order to be rewarded in 10 or 15 years' time with a steel works in Siberia."



Mr. Armando da Aguiar, visiting Portuguese writer and journalist, speaking at Club Lusitano last night on the Greenness of Portugal. Sitting on his left is Dr. Eduardo Brazao, Portuguese Consul in Hong Kong. ("China Mail" Photo).

THE PORTUGUESE PIONEERS: TALK BY JOURNALIST

The pioneering spirit of the Portuguese people, and the deep and lasting imprint made by Portuguese culture in various parts of the world, were the highlights of a talk given by Mr. Armando da Aguiar, well-known Portuguese writer and journalist, at the Club Lusitano last night.

The speaker was introduced to the large audience by Dr. Eduardo Brazao, Portuguese Consul in Hong Kong. A

large number of officers from the Portuguese sloop, Joao de Lisboa, were present.

Referring to the greatness of Portugal in the 15th and 16th centuries, Mr. Armando da Aguiar said her greatness would return within 100 years from now, in the grandeur of Brazil, which in more than one respect bore the Portuguese mould.

The speaker then described the various places he had visited since he left Portugal in 1947, first through Africa, and then to South America.

"From Rio de Janeiro I went to the Antillas Islands, through Venezuela. Afterwards I went to Caracas, to the forest of the Brazilian Amazonas; then to Manaus, on the Brazilian border I went to Rio de Prata."

Portuguese influence and culture were to be found in all these places, said Mr. Armando da Aguiar, who feelingly described his passage through the Strait of Magellan, which was discovered by a Portuguese.

Next he went North to the United States, and later to the Hawaiian Islands which, he said, had in the old days been offered to Portugal.

Portuguese influence in Japan was also mentioned by Mr. Armando da Aguiar, who attended the fourth centenary of the arrival of Francis Xavier in that country.

The speaker ended with a reference to Macao which he described as a part of Portugal in the Far East.

"This type of belief some people call slavery," he said. Dr. Kirby said that the called it regimentation, which the majority of the Asiatic people are not psychologically prepared to accept.

Japanese Model

This regimentation means that the Asiatic people will be conscripted, controlled, directed and ordered. On the other hand the Asiatics want more freedom, and immediate or rapid development of their industries.

Looking back at the Japanese Empire during the Pacific war, Dr. Kirby explained that the Japanese started with a great scheme for Pan-Asiatic development. They preached development of the whole Far East as a Co-prosperity Sphere.

"Of course they intended Japan to be the industrial heart and centre of it."

"This is exactly what Pan-Asiatic Communism is driving at."

As the war ended with a disastrous defeat for Japan, the Japanese began to change their tune and began to preach local self-sufficiency.

"As a whole, each of the countries in the Far East has a peculiar and interesting set-up of its own. The greatest prosperity is in the distributing centres within the Far East," he concluded.

Mr. V. O. Lee, Acting Chairman of the club, introducing the guest speaker, said that Dr. Kirby was born and lived in Japan. During the war he served with the British Military Mission in the interior of China.

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SINGAPORE YOUTHS GET HARD LABOUR

Reminders

Today
11K Light Orchestra Singers' rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral hall, 7.30 p.m.
Crown Land Sale, District Office, Kowloon Magistrate's Bldg., 11.30 a.m.
11K Football Association Council meeting, Prince's Bldg., 5.15 p.m.
European YMCA, Ladies' Section, Club Morning, 10 a.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
Social Evening at Headquarters Land Forces, Sergeants' Mess, Queen's Road, East, 8.30 p.m.
European YMCA Beach picnic, Silverstrand beach, 2.30 p.m.
Dioceyan Boys' School Classical Concert for Servicemen, 8.15 p.m.
Nobles, Tel. 30709.

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Ten years' hard labour and 20 strokes of the cane each was the punishment meted out to two Singapore youths at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, when were convicted of robbery, possession of arms and ammunition, conspiracy to rob, and possession of arms.

The senior Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Williams, commended the police—particularly Detective Inspector J. R. Sykes—in this connection, and directed Crown Counsel to bring this to the attention of the Commissioner of Police.

A jury of four men and three women—who retired for 15 minutes—found Wong Pui, alias Lo Shing, and Chan King-san, aged 23 and 28, respectively, unanimously guilty on all counts in the indictment. Mr. A. Horton, Crown Counsel, conducted the case for the prosecution, assisted by Detective Sub-Inspector J. R. Sykes. The prisoners were not legally represented, and conducted their own defence.

It was revealed by Mr. Horton yesterday that though the two had no record in this Colony, their finger prints were sent to Malaya. It was learned later that Wong Pui had been convicted in Singapore on March 23, 1947 for extortion, for which he was sentenced to four months.

At present, Wong is wanted by the Singapore police for jumping bail on a charge of gang robbery. Second accused was also wanted by the law in Singapore for jumping bail. He had a record of theft and of receiving stolen property in that port.

Carefully Planned

In passing sentence, the Puisne Judge pointed out to the prisoners that they had been found guilty by the jury of very serious crimes. The robbery at the goldsmiths' shop at Johnston Road was obviously very carefully planned, he said.

"In carrying it out," Mr. Williams declared, "you kidnapped a taxi driver and used him to carry you to the place where you carried out another robbery on April 30, had it not been for the police work."

The Court also made an order for the confiscation of the arms and a remission to the prisoners of the fine of \$15 each, as well as a bail-bond which was intended by them for the use of melting down the gold found from the Johnston Road raid.

Turning to Crown Counsel, the Puisne Judge commented: "The speedy investigation carried out by the police—particularly that of Inspector Sykes—and directed him to bring this to the attention of the Commissioner of Police."

Addressing Sub-Inspector Sykes, who played a leading role in bringing the criminals to justice, Mr. Williams declared as he understood this was the last time Mr. Sykes would appear in that Court—he is going to Malaya—he would like to wish him the best of luck and every success in Malaya.

Wong and Chan on March 25 took part in an armed raid at a goldsmiths in Johnston Road, where 60 gold bangles, 10 gold finger rings and 12 pairs of gold earrings were looted. The two further conspired together on April 30 to rob the Cheong Hing Watch Shop of 137 Des Voeux Road Central, having with them arms for that purpose.

Kidnap Driver

The robbers—immediately before the Johnston Road robbery—kidnapped a taxi driver and tied him to a tree. They then used him as a means of getting away after the hold-up.

ECA Closing Down Shipboard Office

The United States Economic Co-operation Administration is closing down its port office on the new aluminium ship, ss. Yu Men, of the Ming Sung Industrial Company.

According to an official of the ECA, the administration, which at present has a fairly large staff in Canton, is planning to operate in the Colony with a skeleton staff of four Americans and a handful of Chinese.

Ordered to leave the ss. Yu Men before July 21, most of the staff have removed their belongings and office equipment from the vessel alongside the Douglas Wharf. However, a small office is still being maintained on board.

The contract between the ECA and the ship-owners expires by the end of this month.

Originally, the port office was set up to handle transient cargoes. The staff will establish their office on the mezzanine floor of Pender Building.

The local ECA office yesterday received a shipment of 2,500 tons of rice from Kobe.

Unloaded here by the ss. Flower, the rice was kept in Kobe since all North China ports are now closed to shipping.

The rice will be transported to Canton where Chinese Communists' occupation is still a possibility.

Police IG In Colony

Inspector-General and Adviser W. G. Johnson of the Colonial Police arrived in the Colony from London by BOAC yesterday. He was accompanied by Mr. F. K. Boyle.

Mr. Johnson will inspect the Police system in the Colony.

Among those at the airport to meet him were the Commissioner of Police, Mr. D. W. Mackintosh, Captain A. F. B. Wilson, ADC to the Governor, and Superintendent T. E. Clunie.

Mr. Johnson will stay in the Colony for a fortnight.

Correspondence

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

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Ladies Of The Day

Sir—While I have no wish to interfere with the welfare of any person, I wish some action could be taken about the comparatively recent practice of heavily made-up young women, in their scores occupying tables in the best lounges and restaurants in central Victoria for hours—during the busiest times of the afternoon and early evening.

They will sit for an indefinite period with a pot of cooling tea in front of them, their eyes roving at every possible customer. They have, apparently, endless patience and time on their hands.

It is coming in with wives or friends, and only a little time to spare, find it rather irksome to find not a single table vacant.

Now, I am not trying to start another witch hunt after these girls, and I know it is difficult for managers to keep them out, but I think a few days' watch for a few days, and warn the most regular offenders.

Maybe I'm old fashioned, but in any case, surely the night is the time for this sort of thing—not 5 to 7 p.m. And there are more appropriate places, one would think, than central lounges used as meeting places by family people?

HUNGRY.

Reciprocal Agreements

Sir—I beg to endorse the article written by you in the "China Mail" of 20th inst. It is very appropriate. Visa entry to Canton costs a bona fide traveller HK\$12 each time, while the Chinese are free to enter our colony.

When you took up the question of reciprocal agreement, you should take up and demand a reciprocal agreement concerning the rendition of the concessions and treaty ports in China. It is also one-sided agreement.

What concessions and guarantees have been demanded by the foreign governments to safeguard the investments of millions of pounds sterling in treaty ports and particularly in Shanghai?

If the Chinese Governments, either Nationalist or Communist, could not protect the investments of millions of pounds sterling in treaty ports and particularly in Shanghai?

Under the pledge of protection by their governments, all foreign nationals had invested their hard earned savings in China and developed the places but alas, what is the result? If the Chinese Governments either Nationalist or Communist could not protect the investments of millions of pounds sterling in treaty ports and particularly in Shanghai?

Majority of the Chinese population will be glad to see the concessions and investments run same as before, as they were happier contented and leading a more peaceful life than now under their own corrupt Governments.

A few die-hards may show grievances outwardly but generally whole China will welcome the more by foreign powers. To keep aloof is not a favour shown towards Chinese but it is taken by the Chinese as our weakness and foolishness.

Time has reached and patience is exhausted. All foreign powers must do something to enforce their right to re-enter and control the foreign investments. I do hope the voice of our grievances should be made known to each foreign Government by their representatives or by influential and fearless journalists.

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CHINA MERCHANTS SHIP OPERATIONS AFFECTED BY WAR

The Chinese Communists' military success has had a serious effect on the Chinese Government-owned China Merchants Steamship and Navigation Company.

The largest shipping firm in China, the CMSN now has about 70 ships of 190,000 tons of shipping under its flag whereas in 1945, just after Japan surrendered, the CMSN fleet consisted of 90 ships of over 250,000 tons.

Partly paralysed by the Red occupation of all Chinese ports North of Amoy, the CMSN now has more than 20 ships lying idle both in the Colony and in Taiwan.

An official of the company told the "China Mail" that his company is not planning to start any new shipping routes in order to counter-balance the lost routes. "All we are planning to do now is to reinforce our Southern traffic," he continued.

As a sign of the Government's concern over Nationalist China's shipping, the CMSN official indicated that the Government is planning to call a conference with Chinese shipping firms to settle compensation problems for lost ships with the ship owners.

Freighters In Baltimore
Due to the big surplus tonnage in the world, plus low freight rates and high cost of living, the CMSN is not sending their ships too far away from home to compete with foreign shipping, the official stated.

This is also one of the main reasons that the CMSN is not bringing home four C-1 type freighters bought two years ago.

Formerly troop transports, the C-1 freighters are still in Baltimore waiting for the CMSN to take over.

When they were bought by the CMSN, the 4,000-ton freight-

Balloon Tested In Kowloon

The first test ascent of a radio sonde and radio wind-finding balloon to test temperature and humidity and the direction and speed of wind was carried out by the Royal Observatory yesterday afternoon.

Royal Observatory personnel were able to observe the balloon ascend an altitude of 50,000 feet. Data recorded by the Royal Observatory showed that when the balloon reached 24,000 feet, winds at all levels were in an Easterly direction.

At 50,000 feet wind speed was 42 degrees, 13 knots. On the ground the balloon was five feet in diameter but at the time of bursting it was 15 feet in diameter.

The data was recorded by the Observatory through radio signals sent back by a radio set attached to the balloon.

Razor Blade Pickpocket

A specially prepared razor blade with edges turned in was used by an unemployed youth in ripping off the pockets of his victims in tram-cars.

On July 20, two detectives on a pickpocket patrol were in a tram and saw defendant, So Tang go up to a passenger, and do something to his pocket. The detectives took hold of defendant's hand and found the razor blade. Only then did the passenger realise that his pocket had been cut and \$40 gone.

Questioned by the Police, defendant admitted a previous theft of \$200 in a similar way.

Sentence of nine months imprisonment was passed.



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IN THE GOODS of Malcolm Leuchars Hardie, Master Mariner Superintendent of the Star Ferry Company, Limited deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance, 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 7th day of August, 1949.

All creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 15th day of July, 1949.

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JAMES STEWART AND CULPRITS
Murder was on the Academic

Hitchcock's "Rope" Clever Murder Thriller, Starting

Rating: xxx

"Rope," starting today simultaneously at the King's and Lee Theatres, is a thriller in the best Alfred Hitchcock tradition that should please a variety of cinema audiences—from the intellectuals who enjoy nothing better than a six-syllable word, to the blood-thirsty murder story fan. In "Rope," however, there is very little blood, but there is more than an ample dose of suspense.

Starring James Stewart, the picture is a highbrow murder story, cleverly presented and excellently executed by a comparatively unknown cost. Stewart and Sir Cedric Hardwicke are the only well known actors, although Farley Granger was seen in "Enchantment" opposite Evelyn Keyes.

Impressive is John Dall as the suave and dominating undergraduate who, together with Granger, plans and commits a murder because his pet theory is that such gentle pastimes are reserved for a type of superior men only, of which he and Granger are members by their own choice.

Stewart plays the old prep-school teacher who first injected this exclusive murder philosophy into Dall and Granger. When he accepts an invitation to dine with his former pupils, he has no idea that he is about to be witness to a gruesome climax to

his philosophy, for Dall not only believes that murder is the exclusive right reserved for supermen only, but that the act of killing those who serve no logical purpose in this world should not be performed without fitting ceremonial rites.

After Dall and Granger have strangled their victim and hidden the body in a chest, they add a touch of the ghastly by serving a buffet-dinner to the victim's father (Sir Cedric Hardwicke), sweetheart (Joan Chandler), unsuccessful rival (Douglas Dick) and Stewart, off the chest.

Granger, evidently the weaker-willed of the two supermen, soon realises that murder isn't a very tasty appetiser. But Dall is a hard character whose mannerisms invite a punch in the nose. He carries the party along at an eerie pace and, apart from the corpse who isn't in any condition to enquire, is the only one thoroughly enjoying himself until he finds out that Stewart's endorsement of murder was only academic.

The whole picture is interspersed with clever dialogue, and the suspense is heightened by a total absence of incidental music; pauses are covered up by background conversation. In shooting "Rope," Hitchcock introduced a novel method of photographing that heightens the cinema-goer's interest. There is not a single cut in the film; it was shot on one set, in solid 10-minute reels, and the end of each reel dissolves into the beginning of the next. The result is a smooth flow of action that builds tension all its own and makes "Rope" a vivid and rare motion picture.

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CINEMA WORLD

Vaudeville Makes A Come-Back

Rating: xx
A heretofore untapped facet of the colourful saga of American vaudeville comes to the screen of the Roxy Theatre this week-end with the opening of "Give My Regards to Broadway," starring Dan Dailey, and photographed in Technicolor.

Motion pictures have often celebrated the glamorous and exciting world that was vaudeville in its hey-day. The films have immortalised such headliners as Lillian Russell, Al Johnson, Joe E. Howard, the Dolly Sisters and others who have helped make show business like no other business on earth.

But there was another story yet to be told, the one that started on that day in 1935 when the Palace Theatre rang down the curtain on its last act, and the death knell for vaudeville was sounded. It is the story told in "Give My Regards to Broadway," the story of a family of troupers who persist in living in the golden era of vaudeville, never admitting that vaudeville is dead, and whose lives are wrapped up in the dream of the "big time" and a return to Broadway where they think they belong.

The actual life span of vaudeville was only 60 years, but during that time it made a forceful impression as a purely American form of entertainment.

In the days before sound pictures, the ultimate objective for any two-day entertainer was not to wind up in Hollywood, but rather to be next to closing act on the Palace bill. For it was here that such names as Eva Tanguay, Eddie Foy, Joe Jackson, Nora Bayes, Anna Held and Gus Edwards triumphed. Being booked at the Palace on Broadway, in any spot on the bill, was the dream of thousands of troupers.

Typical of these was "Albert The Great & Family"—Dad, mother, the two girls, and the boy, Bert—portrayed in "Give My Regards to Broadway" by Charles Winninger, Fay Bainter, Barbara Lawrence, Jane Nigh and Dan Dailey. Their act was a lively mixture of dancing, singing, juggling and comedy capers, and they actually did get to play at the Palace—not top billing, but still the Palace.

Dad blamed the "lull" in vaudeville on the cinema; took a job as stock clerk in an industrial plant—just "between engagements"—mind you—and confidently held daily rehearsals of the family act for the great day, just around the corner, when vaudeville would come back bigger than ever before.

Although Dan Dailey is billed as the star of the show, it is

MGM's "Secret Land" Tells Heroic Story Of Battle In Arctic

Rating: xxx

Back in the days when Hollywood Boulevard was a cowpath and some times even today the only requirements for making motion pictures were an assortment of horses, six-shooters and Indians.

Scripts and story plots were strictly spur-of-the-moment affairs, with cast, crews, director and interested spectators frequently supplying continuity and climax.

"The Secret Land," Technicolor film released by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer and week-end attraction at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres, with narration by Robert Taylor and Van Heflin, was produced under 1907 "cowpath" conditions. Yet, the entire film, packed with drama, humour and action, was filmed without screen play and without cinematic direction, thousands of miles from a Hollywood sound stage.

Cast of "The Secret Land," 100 per cent amateur, are "Men and Ships" of the U.S. Navy, the 4,000 hand-picked men who sailed with Admiral Richard E. Byrd on his recent South Pole expedition. The "heavy" of the film is Mother Nature herself, who emerges as quite a meanie from under her mantle of ice.

Photographers (Army, Navy, Marine, Coast Guard and Air Force) shot 500,000 feet of colour film. The gigantic task of as-

English Film Coming To The Lee

Rating: xx
Starring Margaret Lockwood and Griffith Jones with Norman Wooland and Phyllis Stanley, British picture "Look Before You Love," opening at the Lee Theatre next week, is a gay, light-hearted story of romance and adventure, set against some of the world's most colourful backgrounds.

Ann Markham (Margaret Lockwood), trusted member of the British Embassy staff in Rio de Janeiro, meets charming Charles Kent (Griffith Jones) when he rescues a dog in a motor accident. Ann's chief at the Embassy, Mr. Foster (Maurice Denham) makes enquiries which show that Charles Kent is a well known international crook, wanted by the police of several countries.

Ann decides to take Charles to England, the only country where he has no criminal record. Crossing on an Atlantic liner, they meet Ashley Morehouse (Norman Wooland), millionaire motor manufacturer. Ann cultivates his friendship to ask him for a job for her husband.

Charles meets a former accomplice of his, Bettina Colby (Phyllis Stanley) who gives him certain information about Ashley. He decides that blackmail is an even easier way to Ashley's money. Ashley, who has grown fond of Ann agrees to pay Charles on condition that he gets out of Ann's life. Charles does so and collects the money after he has given Ann a divorce.

"Look Before You Love," carrying its moral in the title, is a fairly enjoyable show, which some may regard as just so much more make-believe. It should, on the contrary, be taken as a timely lesson—by today's world of escapism.

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DEBATE ON COLONIES

Economic Basis For Social Services PURPOSE OF POLICY

London, July 20. The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, told Parliament today that the British colonies cannot proceed fast with political development unless their social services are expanded and "unless we build up in the territories a sound economic basis to sustain the social services we are trying to create."

Opening a House of Commons debate on the Colonies, Mr. Creech Jones said that the broad purpose of British Colonial policy is to bring stability, good order and mutual prosperity to the world.

The policy is to do this in co-operation with the Colonial peoples by building up in the Colonial territories responsibility and the conditions of good living, and to achieve these things inside the Commonwealth.

"We are anxious in our relations with the Colonial peoples that there should be a steady elimination of all discrimination and full co-operation with them in the great tasks which have to be done," he added.

Mr. Creech Jones also said that within the next few years Parliament would have to consider

how much further some of the British Colonial groupings could be tied up into effective government federations or new government machinery.

It is interesting, he said, to see the success of some of the experiments over the past few years.

Ceylon has Dominion status, Malta has acquired internal self-government, the West Indies are discussing the problem of federation, and the East African Authority has come into being for carrying out the economic services of that vast region.

Mr. Creech Jones said a somewhat difficult period had been reached when the price levels of some of the principal commodities had slumped, but the Government will do everything possible to re-adjust or help in the situation arising from this recession.

GERMAN DOPE RING SMASHED

Heidelberg, July 20. Agents of the United States Army announced today that they have smashed Germany's largest post-war dope ring. They have arrested six Germans who tried to sell on the black market opium, cocaine and morphine worth £60,000.

The agents said that they have seized 250 grammes of morphine, 900 grammes of cocaine and nearly two kilograms of opium in three raids in Heidelberg and Stuttgart, when the six men were arrested.

The opium recovered had been found scattered on the ground in a Heidelberg wood. The 72-year-old aunt of one of those arrested had scattered four kilograms of the narcotic in an attempt to hide the evidence of her nephew's activity.

Search for the remaining two kilograms of missing opium is being made.

The arrests follow by only five days, the arrest of two Germans, a Turk and a former American soldier in Wiesbaden on charges of illegally possessing heroin valued at £12,500.

The United States Army Headquarters at Heidelberg said tonight that Dr. Kurt Steinbach, former German Army physician, one of the arrested Germans, has confessed that the drugs came from an abandoned Wehrmacht medical store.

The Army identified four of the six men as former Wehrmacht officers.—Reuter.

NEW BERLIN RAIL STRIKE?

Berlin, July 20. West Berlin's railwaymen may strike again if the Soviet-controlled Railway authorities continue their refusal to pay 80 per cent of the workers' wages in West marks a spokesman of the West Berlin Railwaymen's Union told a reporter today.

The Soviet authorities gave an undertaking to make such a payment when work was resumed at the end of June after a five-week strike.

The Western Commandants today lodged a formal complaint on the subject with the Soviet authorities.

The Railwaymen's Union's spokesman, Herr Franz Waldheim, who is deputy chairman of the union, said that his union would not take steps without previous consultation with the Western Commandants.—Reuter.

NO OPERATION ON CRIPPS

Zurich, July 21. Sir Stafford Cripps will not need to undergo an operation for his stomach ailment, an official of the "Living Strength" nursing home here said today.

Sir Stafford, who arrived here with Lady Cripps on Tuesday, spent his first day resting in his room. He is expected to receive treatment for several weeks.—Associated Press.

CAIRO NURSES IN BRITAIN

London, July 21. Five Egyptian hospital matrons will tour London hospitals during the next two weeks, the British Council announced today.

The matrons have been attending a course at Edinburgh.—United Press.

BRITAIN'S AID TO THE COLONIES

London, July 20. Britain has given or promised 160,000,000 to the British Colonies since January 1, 1944, the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, said in a parliamentary reply today.

This included £120,000,000 under the Colonial Development and Welfare Act of 1945, £15,500,000 grant-in-aid of administration, £8,918,000 for defence and reconstruction in the Far East, £2,539,000 for subsidies, mainly for food, to Malta and certain West Indian territories, and £13,500,000 for claims waived by the British Government, chiefly in the Far East.—Reuter.

THE DUSK OF A NEW DARK AGE

Amsterdam, July 20. Mr. James Chuter Ede, the British Home Secretary, declared today in a speech read for him here that the dusk of a new dark age for the spirit had fallen on vast populations under the Czechoslovak and similar regimes.

Mr. Chuter Ede was to have addressed the International Assembly on Religious Freedom, but had to remain in London because of the dock strike.

In this century, he said, men had become easy victims to the claims of new authoritarian doctrines.

"Scientific research has once more been put in blinkers, and must accept the decisions of the laboratory and the free discussion of the experimenter, but of the political bureau."

"Victorious and aggressive Communism in the last four years has, by successive usurpations, fastened the yoke of intellectual and moral slavery on vast numbers of people to whom it denies all knowledge and utterance, except that which its leaders proclaim as orthodox."

After references to the Czechoslovak control of sport and religion, Mr. Chuter Ede said: "The dusk of a new dark age for the spirit has fallen on vast populations under this and similar regimes."

"Let those outside this grim shadow, as they see it steadily, remorselessly deepen into mid-night blackness, guard with unceasing watchfulness the light that they enjoy."

"It is plain that the freedom of the human spirit can never be assured to a nation that is not resolute to defend it."—Reuter.

Mr. Rees-Williams said he would not go into the question raised by Sir John Barlow as to whether Malaya takes too many dollars.

Two factors to be taken into account are the Singapore entrepot trade and the fact that the Malays have had to buy rice from outside at price over which they have no control.

"We have a big scheme for additional acreage of rice both in Malaya and Borneo," he declared.—Reuter.

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- 2.—The occupying powers in Germany will be responsible for laying down the method of restitution.
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No agreement was reached in a long discussion of a Soviet proposal dealing with restitution by Austria of property, mostly works of art or archaeological objects, looted by the Nazis during the Anschluss period.

The deputies then debated a subject brought up yesterday—the Soviet refusal to include ex-German railway locomotives and rolling stock among former German assets which the Foreign Ministers have agreed shall go to Austria.

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ISRAEL AND SYRIA SIGN ARMISTICE IN NO MAN'S LAND

Syria-Israeli-Border, July 21. The Syrian-Israeli armistice, which has been under negotiation since April, was signed today in a tent in No-Man's-Land in Northern Galilee.

The signing took place in a short ceremony at which both countries were represented by their delegations. The United Nations were also represented.

The agreement provides for the withdrawal of Syrian forces West of the international border of Palestine and for demilitarization of the occupied area.

An exchange of prisoners is to be regulated by the mixed Armistice Commission.

Israel has now concluded armistices with all her neighbours: Egypt, the Lebanon, Jordan and Syria.

Syria is now expected to join the Lausanne peace talks.

Under the agreement civil administration of the demilitarized area is to be Israeli but Arab villages are to be permitted Arab police forces.

There are 80 Syrians and 30 Israelis involved in the exchange of prisoners.

Water Source

In Tel-Aviv, the Israeli Foreign Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, told Parliament today that territory recovered through the Syrian-Israeli armistice agreement gives Israel a "water source" for the Northern area of the nation.

Speaking an hour and a half after the agreement had been signed in "No-Man's-Land," he said: "We paid a price for what we gained through the agreement."

Mr. Sharett said that the main Israeli aim was the withdrawal of Syrian troops from Palestine territory, and this had been achieved, not because the Syrians were beaten, but because they accepted United Nations mediation and "we hope also, because they have in view future relations with Israel."

Israel's Parliament will debate the agreement next week, although according to its terms no ratification is needed, and it comes into effect immediately.

U.S. Hopes

In Washington, Mr. Dean Acheson, United States Secretary of State, praised the Governments of Israel and Syria on the signing of the armistice.

The Secretary said in a statement to the press that the armistice is further evidence that "contending parties can find ways of reaching agreement on a difficult problem."

Mr. Acheson added: "It is my hope that this development will increase the possibility for the achievement of a final settlement at Lausanne."—Reuter.

JOANOVICI GETS GAOL SENTENCE

Paris, July 20. Joseph Joanovici, Bessarabian rag-picker millionaire, was today sentenced to five years' imprisonment on charges of supplying the German Army with material and of intelligence with the Gestapo.

Joanovici was further sentenced to national indignity and fined 600,000 francs, and the Court ordered the seizure of his property to the extent of 50,000,000 francs.

Colourful, 44-year-old Joanovici, alleged to have made a fortune in scrap iron deals with the Germans, was arrested in November, 1947, in a German villa after a year's man-hunt by French police.

The indictment against him, read at the start of the 15-day trial, took three and a half hours to read.

The Prosecution called 54 witnesses and the defence 103.

Joanovici, a Jew, claimed he gave millions of francs to the Resistance Movement, paid Gestapo ransoms to free Resistance leaders and helped Allied airmen to escape.

While Joanovici was awaiting trial, three hushed men ambushed his wife, Hava, and shot and killed her.

The acquit, heavy-featured millionaire was given 24 hours to lodge an appeal.

His brother and two business associates were sentenced as follows:

Marcel Serambolgo — six months' imprisonment, national indignity, 200,000 francs fine.

Victor Terre — five months' imprisonment, national indignity, 200,000 francs fine.

Marcel Joanovici — 300,000 francs fine.—Reuter.

PROTEST IN HAMBURG

Hamburg, July 19. Dockyard workers, employed by Hamburg shipyards, downed tools this afternoon for 15 minutes as an anti-dismantling protest. They were protesting against last week's demolition of the shipways of the Hamburg shipyard of Blohm and Voss, the dismantling of a part of the Deutsche Werft shipyard in Hamburg, and dismantling in the Ruhr.

The shipyards concerned are engaged in the construction of fitting and coastal vessels permitted recently by the Allied Security Branch.—Reuter.

ESSEN DISPUTE

Essen, July 21. The Works Council at the Troppsch Paraffin Works at Dortmund has called for a mass demonstration tomorrow at the opening of the trial of six men accused by the British Military Government of refusing to work on dismantling.

But the trade unions have disclaimed responsibility for the demonstrations.—Reuter.

Agreement Reached On Austrian Claims

London, July 20. The four Foreign Ministers' deputies, who are drafting an Austrian State Treaty, today reached agreement on the article dealing with Austrian property in Germany and Austrian renunciation of her claims on Germany.

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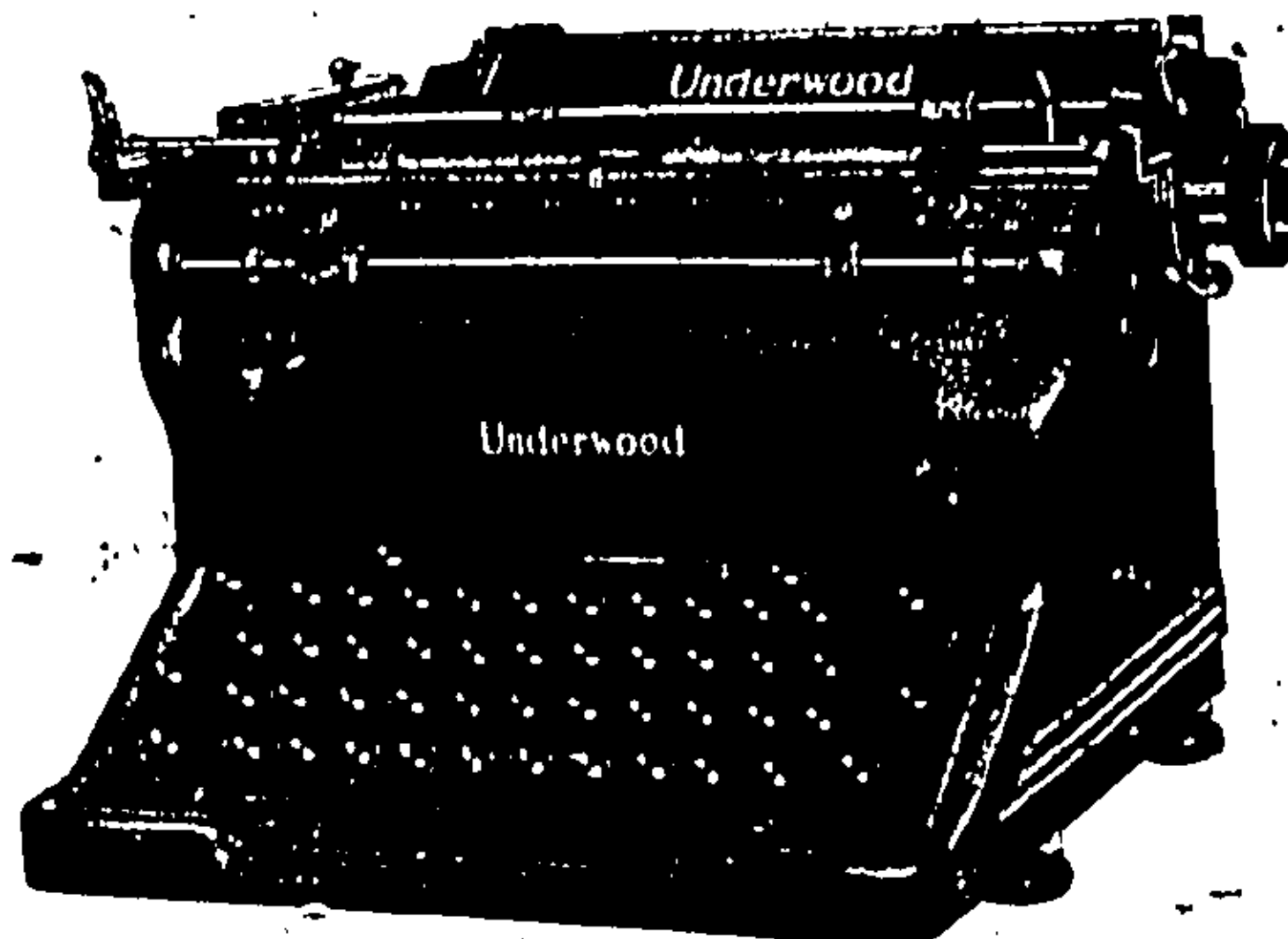
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Sterling Area Talks On Trade With Japan

London, July 21.

Two senior British officials leave for Japan today for talks timed at reaching an estimated £150,000,000 two-way Commonwealth-Japanese trade deal.

A Board of Trade spokesman said the discussions, which will involve most of the Commonwealth countries, are designed to lead to the liberalisation of trade between the sterling area and Japan.

NANKING ECONOMIC DRIVE

Nanking, July 20.

The authorities here have begun a drive for a self-sufficient economy in the fight against what they term the "imperialist economic blockade."

The first step was taken to cope with the petrol shortage which shot prices up to US\$2.50 per gallon.

The "New China Daily" said: "In an effort to break the imperialist economic blockade, buses of the state-owned Nanking Public Bus Company are being converted into charcoal burning vehicles. The company suspended service on July 19 for necessary conversion work which is expected to be completed at the end of the month."

The paper said the step was taken to save petrol and cut the cost of operation. Revenues recently amounted to only one-third of the petrol expenditure. It suggested cuts in the consumption of petrol and encouraging more use of bicycles and horse-carts as a means of transportation.

The radio set factories responded to the call for self-sufficient economy by planning a large increase of production.—United Press.

FRENCH POLICY IN VIETNAM

Paris, July 20.

The French Government will continue its present policy in Vietnam based on the agreement with the ex-emperor of Annam, Bao Dai, the new head of the State, the French Minister for the Colonies, M. Paul Coste-Floret, told the French Council of Ministers today, according to a French Government spokesman.

M. Coste-Floret said that the Government has no intention of adopting the proposal of the French Socialist Party Congress, which called upon the Government to arrive at a truce to be followed by a referendum on the kind of government the people want.—Reuter.

The British officials—Mr. Alan F. Gilbert of the Board of Trade and Mr. Don-Henley of the Treasury—are to be joined in Tokyo by a Colonial Office representative.

Australian, New Zealand, Indian and Ceylonese will supplement the Commonwealth negotiators who will work as a unit. One of the problems Commonwealth representatives hope to settle is to get Japan to liquidate the sizeable accumulation of sterling she has built up since VJ DAY.

The Board of Trade spokesman said Britain does not want to find herself in a position some day of having to liquidate Japan's sterling holdings by payment in dollars.

For A Year

General Douglas MacArthur has the statutory right of demanding payment in dollars for an Allied country's trade deficits with Japan.

So far he has not exercised that right in Britain's case and, the spokesman said, has assured the British that at least until the end of the year, there will be no demand for dollar payments.

The trade deal, the spokesman said, will be for one year. The Commonwealth and Japan last year did a two-year volume of business of about £57,500,000.

Britain is anxious to increase that volume to an estimated two-way total of £150,000,000 on condition that Japan buys more from the sterling area.

Japan needs Malayan rubber, tin, iron ore, wool and salt from the Commonwealth countries.

Mostly Textiles

In return she sells textiles, silk and light machinery to the Commonwealth countries. About three quarters of her exports to Commonwealth countries last year were textiles and silk.

Until last March, she sold a good deal of machinery and capital equipment to India, which had an open licence for trade with Japan.

All that changed, though, when the Japanese began to pile up too much sterling. India then revoked the open licence for Japanese trade.—Associated Press.

FIND IN POND EXPLAINED

Calcutta, July 20.

Police tonight cleared up the mystery behind the 14 human bodies—cut into pieces and packed in bundles—found in a pond in the Southern part of the city last night.

After day-long investigations the Police announced that the bodies were remnants of dissected bodies stolen from city hospitals by attendants.

The thieves, it was said, soaked the bodies in water to remove the flesh and sell the bones to medical students.

The gruesome discovery had earlier aroused suspicion that a gang of murderers was at large in the city.—Reuter.

New Heights Of Fancy By Wallace

Washington, July 20.

Mr. Henry A. Wallace, left wing Progressive Party's Presidential candidate last year, charged today that Mr. Winston Churchill is reliably reported to be abandoning his previous support for the North Atlantic Defence Pact, and urging a new understanding with Russia.

Mr. Wallace said: "Even though Mr. Churchill may continue to pay lip service to the Pact and the policy, the fact is that both the Conservatives and the Labourites in England agree that the cold war is ended."

"The facts speak more eloquently than propaganda. The British have been rushing through a trade agreement with Russia. They are rushing bilateral agreements which will close the market for American goods."—Reuter.

Sequel To Purge In Bulgaria

Sofia, July 20.

The Bulgarian Parliament has unanimously deprived the former Deputy Prime Minister, Traicho Kostov, of his seat in Parliament.

The Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party expelled him from its ranks on June 14 because of his "anti-Soviet, anti-Bolshevik actions" which showed a "nationalist tendency."

The Bulgarian Fatherland Front, a coalition of Government parties, expelled him on June 30. Kostov was appointed Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Electrification and Natural Resources in March, 1946.

The Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party early in April relieved Kostov of his posts as Deputy Prime Minister, Chairman of the Committee for economic and financial questions, and member of the Central Committee.

Parliament also agreed that Kostov should be prosecuted under the penal law for "heavy crimes against the State."

Kostov will be prosecuted for economic sabotage, the penalty for which is life imprisonment or death.

Parliament today also agreed that another member of Parliament, Georgi Hulchev, a member of the Agrarian Party should be prosecuted for espionage and treason.—Reuter.

BIG BERTHA

Frankfurt, July 20.

A 140-ton German "Big Bertha," which fired a four-ton shell, is being taken to pieces at Eschenbach, Bavaria, the United States Army Headquarters here disclosed today.

The gun, which ran along railway lines and had a range of about 30 miles and a 26-inch bore, is one of four captured by the Allies.—Reuter.

NEW HOPES OF END TO LONDON STRIKE

London, July 20.

New hopes of ending London's crippling dock stoppage emerged tonight after a day of confusion and conflict between the Government and its own National Dock Labour Board.

As two vital meetings affecting the 15,000 idle dockers were fixed to take place tomorrow morning political quarters speculate on what will be the fate of 76-year-old Lord Ammon, Chairman of the Dock Labour Board.

Lord Ammons statement to dockers last night was repudiated after midnight by the Government.

The statement ordered the men to return to work or risk smashing the scheme under which dockers get a guaranteed week's pay whether or not there is work for them.

The Government feeling that this threat would cause resentment throughout the nation's docks—made clear that the scheme is not threatened.

Lord Ammon responded with the comment: "Why the Government has gone crazy and done what it has done and spoiled the whole show I do not know."

Lord Ammon had a 20-minute interview with the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, this afternoon.

Political quarters feel that, if he does not voluntarily resign his chairmanship of the Dock Labour Board, the Prime Minister will demand his resignation.

Isaacs' Statement
Mr. George Isaacs, Minister of Labour, told Parliament today that the National Dock Labour Board's statement had made things difficult.

Perhaps the next few hours, he said, would see whether the Labour Board's threat was more valuable than the steps being taken by the Government. He believed the Government is right to seek as much conciliation as possible.

"I would rather see the men go back somewhat willingly than try to drag them back to work," he said.

Mr. Isaacs and the Prime Minister were under fire for half an hour in the Commons. Sir John Anderson, Conservative, said he was personally "aghast" at the Government's action in repudiating the Dock Labour Board's warning to the dockers. It is bound to be interpreted as a weakening on the part of the Government, he asserted.

Mass Meeting

The first of two meetings which are generally expected to decide whether the 24-day-old London dispute will be ended this week took place tonight. Leaders of the Stevedores' and Lightermen's Unions had a three-hour discussion. Afterwards they announced they hoped to thrash out tomorrow a policy which would enable a general resumption of work.

The second meeting, which is to be held tomorrow, will be a mass gathering of dockers when the leaders of these two Unions will present their recommendations.

The Lightermen's Union has already stated that it favours a return to work.

Mr. Arthur Deakin, General Secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union—the third union with members among the idle dockers—said tonight that he is satisfied that the great majority of the men involved want to go back to work.

Men's Attitude Stiffening
"The road is quite clear for a general resumption of work," he said.

TROOPS TO WORK ON COAL?

Sydney, July 20.

The Australian Cabinet today considered emergency action to end the nation's crippling coal strike as the winter's worst blizzard struck New South Wales and Northern Victoria. Record snowfalls of 15 inches are reported in some areas, with heavy snows still falling.

Some communities are snow-bound and heavy livestock losses are feared. In the Northern grazing fields, strong, cold winds hit the Sydney area, but there is no gas and electricity and hundreds of thousands of persons are shivering in misery.

Cabinet members have decided to call out troops to dig open coal unless 23,000 strikers return to work immediately. Reliable sources said the Government would give the Communist-led miners "one last chance" before calling the Army.

The Victorian Premier, Mr. Thomas Hollaway, said tonight that he had instructed the Victorian Agent-General in London to accept an offer of 28,000 tons of British coal for Victoria, hard hit by the three-week-old nationwide miners strike.

"Twelve thousand tons of coal are due from India in the next two weeks and 18,000 tons from Britain in the next six weeks," the Premier added.

Mr. Hollaway also announced that the State Cabinet has been called together to make final arrangements for unloading coal about the 7,000-ton Canadian ship Hailongian Duke, held up here for five months by a dockers' "black" ban.

Earlier, the Victorian branch of the waterside workers' Federation decided to endorse the Union's decision to continue the ban.

Last week the Government called for volunteers to unload coal but deferred action in the hope that the waterside workers would lift the ban.—United Press and Reuter.

Russian Protest Rejected

Rome, July 20.

The Italian Government today rejected Russia's protest against its decision to join the North Atlantic Union.

As the debate in the Chamber of Deputies on the Pact moved towards ratification, which is regarded as almost certain, the Italian Foreign Office rejected the Soviet note of protest, made earlier today, even before receiving it.

A spokesman of the Foreign Office, saying that Moscow Radio broadcast the protest before it reached Rome, claimed that its allegations—that Italy is infringing her peace treaty—are absolute fantasy.

Count Carlo Sforza, Italian Foreign Minister, and Signor Palmiro Togliatti, Communist leader, are due to wind up the week-old debate on the Pact today.

Observers here take it for granted that Russia's protest is designed chiefly to reinforce the last-minute appeal against the Pact expected from Signor Togliatti.

Count Sforza is expected to reply to the Russian note, as well as Signor Togliatti, when he addresses the Chamber.

Later it was learned that the Soviet Ambassador, M. Mikhal Kostylev, had delivered the Russian note to Count Sforza at the Foreign Office this afternoon.—Reuter.

CZECH FLEES TO GERMANY

Paris, July 20.

Jaromir Smutny, former head of the Czechoslovak Chancellery in Paris, has fled to Frankfurt, the "Free Czech Committee" here said today.

The Committee's Secretary-General said that news of the flight of Smutny had been received in a telegram from him from Frankfurt.

It is believed in "Free Czech circles" that Smutny will now have something to say about the end of the Benes Government in 1948.

The 58-year-old diplomat was accompanied by his wife and 28-year-old son.

They crossed the frontier late on Monday night.—Reuter.

MADRAS STRIKE

Madras, July 20.

About 1,000 Communist-led press workers today observed a one-day token strike here, demanding increased wages and the release of persons detained by the Madras Government under the Public Order Act.

The Government released 21 of those detained but arrested 17 of the strikers.—Reuter.

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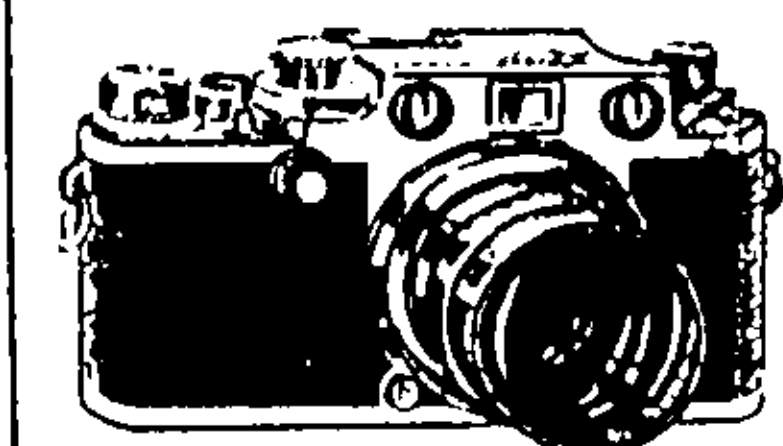
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HUSH-HUSH TALKS IN WASHINGTON ON ATOMIC BOMB

Washington, July 20.
United States military, atomic, diplomatic and
Congressional leaders met in secret session to-
day to discuss America's relations with Britain
and Canada in atomic matters.
An announcement said that the meeting was called
to explore the "continuing problem of our re-
lations with the United Kingdom and Canada
in the field of atomic energy."

Those at the conference were
the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean
Acheson, the Defence Secretary,
Mr. Louis Johnson, the Atomic
Energy Commission headed by
the Chairman, Mr. David Lillien-
thal, Congressional leaders and
the Joint Congressional Atomic
Energy Committee headed by the
Chairman, Senator Brian Ma-
Mahon, Democrat.

They conferred behind closed
doors, guards "fly" to the
police in the Senate building.
There had been considerable
speculation as to the reasons be-
hind the meeting.

General feeling at the Capital
is that Britain has requested in-
formation on the manufacture of
the atomic bomb.

There has been an official
statement, however, to suggest
that the speculation might be
correct.

Some observers believe that
the continuation of uranium
supplies from the Belgian Congo
and Canada might be involved
in the discussions.

The "Washington Post" said
today that if the United States
is not willing to run the risk
of giving atomic information
to the Allies it would invite a
"sort of atomic nationalism" in
Europe.

"Calculated risk is a necessary
assumption in war and the time
has come to apply it to the col-
lective effort to maintain the
peace," the "Post" said in an
editorial.

It pointed out that the British
Empire and the Belgian Congo
furnish a large part of the
uranium used by the United
States.

Request For Materials
Britain is probably asking the
United States for atomic ma-
terials rather than atomic
secrets, according to William L.
Lawrence, science writer of the
"New York Times" and author
of the first official report on
the United States atomic bomb
project.

In an article in the "Times,"
Lawrence said that British
scientists undoubtedly have all
the knowledge they need to pro-
duce bombs and they might even
be able to tell United States
scientists a few things.

"Using their present facilities,
however, it would take the Brit-
ish at least six months to pro-
duce the materials for just one
bomb," he added.—Reuter.

**Gold Strike
Report Was
"A Joke"**

Johannesburg, July 20.
A Johannesburg stock-broker
told a Government Commission
here today that a report—later
denied—of a gold "strike"
yielding 64,000-inch penny-
weights caused "joking" among
people in his office.

The stock-broker, Mr. V. H.
Simmons, was giving evidence
before the Commission which is
inquiring into a report on June
6 of the "strike" at Fann Dank-
barheld, Orange Free State, and
into Stock Exchange share deal-
ings between June 3 and June 7.

Three days before the report, a
"fabulously rich" strike of 56,105-
inch penny-weights had been
officially confirmed at Erdeel,
near Dankbarheld.

Mr. Simmons said that everybody
in his office was "joking" about
the report. It was improbable
that such a rich strike should
come so soon after Erdeel, he
said.

He added that he knew a lot
of people lost a lot of money
because of the Dankbarheld
matter.

The inquiry was adjourned until
July 27.—Reuter

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MYSTERY VESSELS SIGHTED

London, July 20.
Strange naval vessels were
sighted cruising along the
Swedish coast yesterday for the
second time within a month,
according to a Stockholm
newspaper quoted by Stockholm
Radio today.

The report said that two
foreign warships sailed for several
hours along Sweden's Eastern sea-
board South of Stockholm just
outside the three-mile limit.

They had no identity marks,
whereas the warships which made
a similar voyage some weeks ago
were definitely identified as Rus-
sian cruisers, the newspaper
said.

After passing by one of the
most heavily guarded areas of
Sweden's waters, the two ships
crossed the path of a passenger
steamer and disappeared East-
wards.

Swedish marine authorities said
that they have no reason to in-
vestigate the matter as it hap-
pened outside the three-mile area,
the newspaper added.—Reuter.

Disorders Break Out In Milan

Milan, July 20.
Two thousand factory work-
ers tried to storm Milan's
Town Hall today but were dis-
persed after a fierce clash with
police. The workers, who were
from the Isotta Fraschini motor
car plant, demonstrated in Mi-
lan's central streets because
they had recently been paid
only a small advance of their
wages.

When they tried to force their
way into the Town Hall, the
police charged with batons swing-
ing. Reports said that several
demonstrators were beaten up.
One policeman was knocked down
and trampled on.

There was temporary panic
when a tear gas bomb exploded.
It was not known whether it was
thrown by the police or went off
accidentally.

Many of the demonstrators car-
ried red flags and placards.

Order was restored when the
Mayor received a delegation of
the demonstrators, who were led
by the Secretary of the local
Metalworkers Union.—Reuter.

RENOUNCING RELIGION

Prague, July 20.
The Czech non-political Na-
tionalist society called the Asso-
ciation of Citizens without Religion
—stated today that several thou-
sand Communist members of the
Catholic Church are renouncing
their religion as a result of the
difficulties between the Church
and the State.

The society has invited pros-
pective new members to secure
for themselves a certificate "pro-
ving their lack of religion."

The society, which is affiliated
to the World Organisation of
Nationalists, claims 600,000 mem-
bers. It estimates that about one-
third of the 225,000 members of
the Czechoslovak Communist
Party are, or have been,
Catholics.—Reuter.

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Divorce Law Commission Rejected

London, July 20.
The Prime Minister, Mr.
Clement Attlee, today turned
down a suggestion in
Parliament that he appoint
a Royal Commission to in-
quire into the present state
of the Divorce Law in Bri-
tain.

Mr. Marcus Lipton, La-
bour, said that many people
of all parties and creeds are
convinced that the present
state of the Divorce Law
should be examined by a
responsible body.

The Prime Minister's con-
tinued refusal to appoint a
Commission would cause bit-
ter disappointment to many
thousands of men and wo-
men who are now condemned
to life-long frustration and
misery, Mr. Lipton said.

Mr. Attlee said that this is
not the appropriate time to
appoint a Commission.—Reu-
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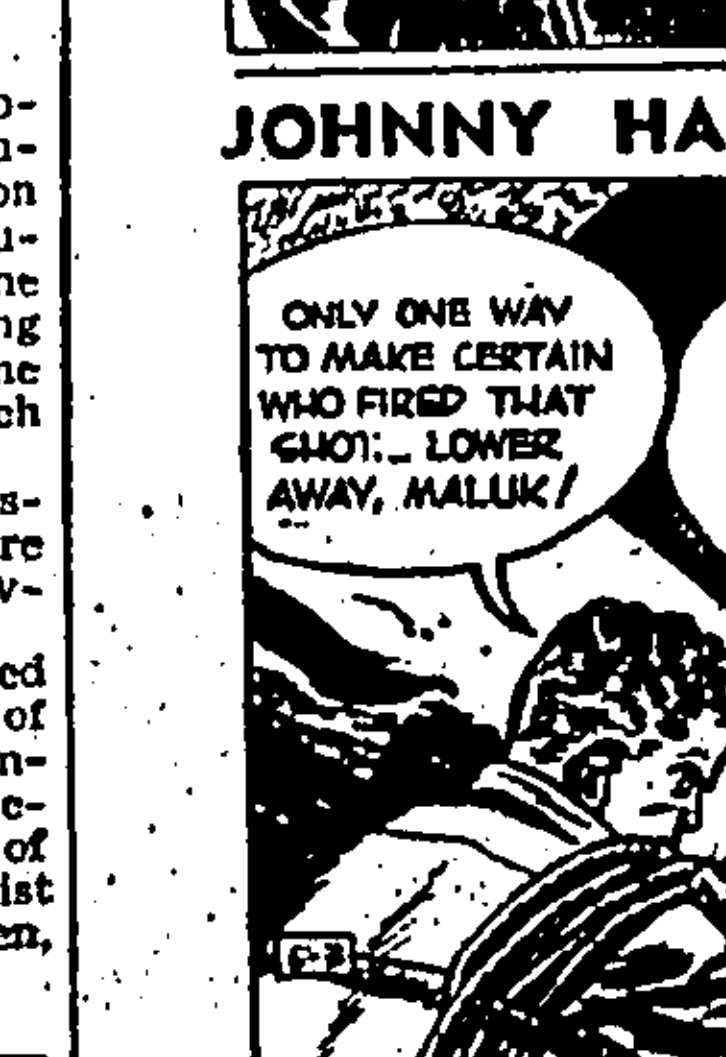
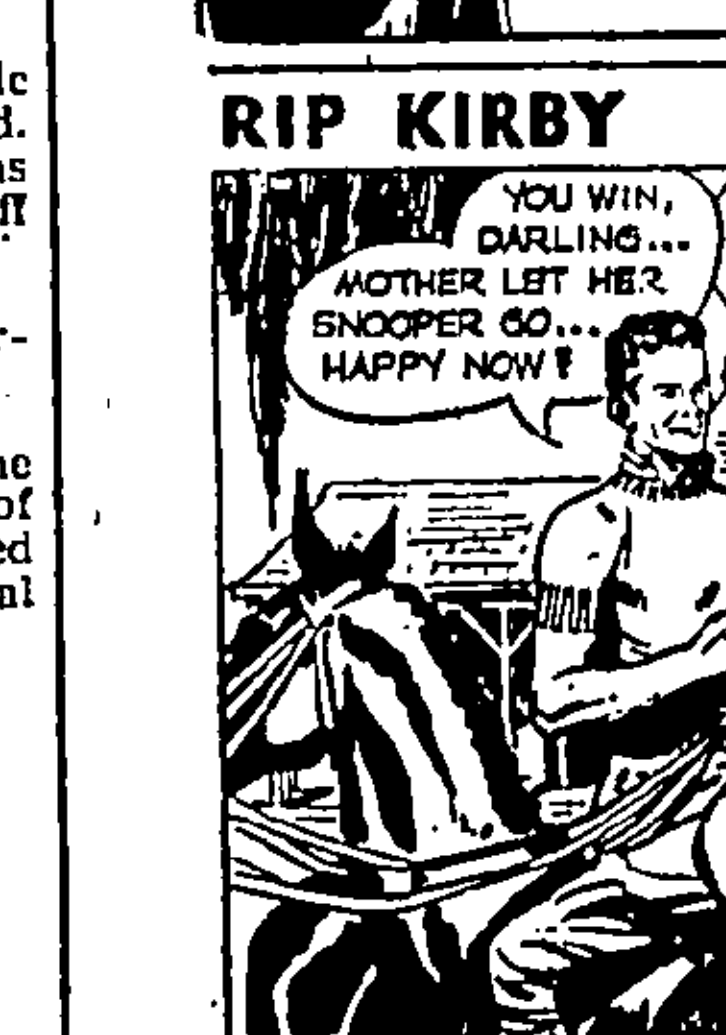
SUCCESSOR TO DIMITROV

London, July 20.
Mr. Vassil Kolarov, Bulgarian
Vice-Premier, and Foreign Minis-
ter, was today unanimously elect-
ed Prime Minister of Bulgaria at
an extraordinary session of the
Bulgarian National Assembly,
Sofia Radio announced.

Mr. Kolarov succeeds Mr.
Georgi Dimitrov who died in
Moscow on July 2. He is
former President of the Republic
and was Acting Prime Minister
while Mr. Dimitrov was ill in
Russia.—Reuter.



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IMMIGRATION BILL INTRODUCED IN U.S.

Washington, July 20.
Republican Representative Walter Judd today pre-
sented the Senate Judiciary Committee with
a new Oriental Immigration bill.

The bill, he said, eliminated all controversial
sections of the bill approved by the House but
preserves all essential provisions for removing
Oriental exclusion laws from the United States
immigration regulations.

Senator Judd said his purpose
in introducing the so-called
stripped bill is to expedite action
in this session on the essential
provisions while giving the
Senate committee time to com-
plete its thorough study of
existing immigration laws.

He said: "The bill removes at
one stroke remaining racial dis-
criminations in our laws which
have greatly contributed to ill-
feeling in many parts of the
world and yet makes no basic
changes in the quota principle in
existing laws and admits per
year only a few hundred more
immigrants of Asiatic ancestry
at present ineligible."

The new bill eliminates the
provision that 50 per cent of
quotas should be given to in-
terns and to skilled agricultural
workers. It also specifically
eliminates the Philippines from
the Asia Pacific triangle so that
existing immigration provisions
for Filipinos in unchanged.

Senator Judd told the commit-
tee he wants to stress the impor-
tance of acting on the bill this
session.

He said: "At this particular
time when the whole Far East
is under threat of Communist
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leaders regarded racial bars as a
genuine impediment to good re-
lations with the United States.

The Deputy Immigration Com-
missioner, Mr. Edward Shaugh-
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urged its adoption this session.

Senator Warren Magnuson
(Democrat) urged the Judiciary
Committee to give Japanese
living in the United States the
right to apply for citizenship, and
said America is growing wise
in discarding nonsensical and ir-
ritating race theories.

He said the United States
should extend the principle of
neighbourly welcome "to our
friends of Oriental ancestry."

The American Civil Lib-
erties Union urged congressional
repeal of Oriental exclusion,
and asserted that it is the most
defensible racial discrimina-
tion in United States law.

A statement submitted to the
committee by Mr. Haynes, the
Union's board chairman, said the
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S.S. "HANGSANG"	Sandakan	31st July
S.S. "EASTERN SAGA"	Singapore, Penang, Rangoon & Calcutta	2nd Aug.
S.S. "WINGSANG"	Keelung	2nd Aug.

ARRIVALS FROM

S.S. "WINGSANG"	Keelung & Fochow	23rd July
S.S. "HANGSANG"	Sandakan	23rd July
S.S. "LOKSANG"	Inchon & Kobe	23rd July
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M.V. "HINDUSTAN"	New Guinea, Port Moresby, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne & Adelaide	2nd Aug.

ARRIVALS FROM

M.V. "HINDUSTAN"	Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney & Saigon	24th July
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